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Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No.10/021,203, filed on October 30, 2001 by Joseph Philip Bigus et al. Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

This application is related to the following U.S. applications:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
08/821,935	March 21, 1997	pending
08/822,993	March 21, 1997	abandoned
09/100,595	June 19, 1998	pending
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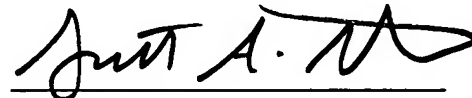
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Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested. This Statement is being filed concurrently with the application, and consequently, no fee is believed to be due.

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	A.S	Bieszczad, Andrzej et al., "Management of Heterogeneous Networks with Intelligent Agents", <u>Bell Labs Technical Journal</u> , Lucent Technologies, Inc., (October-December 1999), pp. 109-135.
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